Graduate Application Requirements
Department of Art and Visual Culture
MFA in Integrated Visual Arts

MFA in IVA PROGRAM
The Master of Fine Arts degree in Integrated Visual Arts at Iowa State University is a distinctive and unique interdisciplinary program offering multiple opportunities to combine study among media areas including ceramics, digital media, drawing, textiles, illustration, jewelry/metal smithing, painting, printmaking, photography, woods, video and areas outside of the department.

MFA in IVA Curriculum Requirements

Studio Courses
ARTIS studio courses 27 credits
Studio courses outside of ARTIS 6 credits
Thesis 6 credits total, consisting of:
  ART IS 699A: Research 3 credits
  ART IS 699B: Exhibition 3 credits

Seminar Courses 6 Credits
Select two courses (6 credits total) from:
  ARTIS 511 Seminar in Teaching (3 credits)
  ARTIS 571A: Seminar: Grants, Residencies, Exhibitions (3 credits)
  ARTIS 571B: Seminar: Critique and Creative Process (3 credits)

Art History/Theory/Criticism 12 credits
  ARTH 501 (3 credits)
  Art History courses (9 credits)

Related Courses outside the IVA program 3 credits
TOTAL: 60 credits

Application Deadlines
January 15: Deadline for fall admission with consideration for a graduate assistantship.
Applications received after the deadline will be considered for program admission, but will have limited funding options.
November 1: Deadline for spring admission.
It is the candidate’s responsibility to check that all his/her materials have been uploaded.
ISU Graduate Admission Application Information
Application Requirements and Procedures
An individual applying to the MFA program in IVA must meet the following requirements, in addition to the minimum general requirements of the Graduate College of Iowa State University.

A. An undergraduate cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.00 or above is required.
B. Portfolio with Artist Statement: 15 to 20 individual artworks and an Artist Statement. Include the titles, dimensions, and dates of the works. Upload the portfolio as a single, multi-page PDF file titled “Portfolio.”
   a. Include your Artist Statement of 100-300 words as the first slide in the Portfolio.
   b. The Portfolio may include multiple images (details, front/back, etc.) of each artwork if you wish.
   c. Your 15 to 20 artworks may include video excerpts totaling a maximum of 3 minutes.
   d. For digital media, video and web-based work, please provide URLs that link directly to specific works.
C. Statement of Purpose: 300-500 words total: Please give a brief account of your background in art and design, including education, employment, and other relevant activities. Then please tell us what you hope to achieve during your graduate studies at Iowa State University. What are your long-term professional goals beyond your graduate school education, and which artists or designers have had a significant influence on your work?
D. CV / Resume: Submit a current CV or resume that includes a list of educational experiences, scholarships, honors, awards, exhibitions, publications, outstanding extracurricular activities, employment experience and research.
E. Three letters of recommendation
F. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
G. Tests
   a. The Integrated Visual Arts program does not require the GRE
   b. International applicants must meet Iowa State University’s English Proficiency requirements. For more information visit https://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/prospective/english-requirements/
H. The graduate faculty of Integrated Visual Arts may request a personal interview of the applicant.

The graduate faculty of the Department of Art and Visual Culture will review the submitted materials to determine whether or not the applicant has appropriate skills and development for graduate study in the department. Graduate credits may be accepted for transfer in the program from any accredited institution by approval of the Major Professor and the Program of Study Committee.

All of the above required application materials must be uploaded via the university’s application portal at https://apps.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/online/.